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Turn of 20th Century

William and Mary Lyles House (Site)

Jerusalem community

Private

This two story log house was the home of a black landowning family throughout most of the 20th century, and the land is still owned by their descendants, William Lyles worked on farms in the vicinity, and his son Howard, whose occupation was a mechanic, became the leader of black community organizations in the area in the third quarter of the 20th century. His efforts led to improvements in Jerusalem and other historically neglected black communities in the county.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William and Mary Lyles House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West side of Jerusalem Road

CITY, TOWN

Jerusalem

— VICINITY OF Poolesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

NO

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard Lyles

Telephone #: 301-349-3392

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Jerusalem Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 1664

Folio #: 285

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD          ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR           ☒ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two story log house contained two rooms down and two up. Its roof line was oriented north-south, with its facade facing Jerusalem Road (east). This door was located in the center of the facade, and was flanked by a window on either side. Originally the log walls were exposed, but were later covered with composition siding. On the southern gable end, a small shed porch was added, as shown in the copy of the photograph. A brick stove flue was in the southern gable end.

The house was surrounded by the outbuildings and work places common to traditional black communities of the turn of the 20th century. See the map of the historical community of Jerusalem for more details.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History  
Local History

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Date: early 1900's or late 1800's

According to the deed, 344/294 George William Lyles acquired this trace of 120.5 square perches of land in 1924 from Wallace Poole and Carrie Poole and Nannie and Harvey White. Probably it had been a portion of the Poole family farm. Though the title was not conveyed to the name of William Lyles until 1924, his family had had use of the land prior to that, and the house had already been built.

William Lyles' wife Mary was the daughter of Virginia Robinson, who with her husband William, was one of the founders of the Jerusalem community. Photographs of Mary Lyles were copied as part of this survey.

The Lyles' son Howard became the leader of black community organizations in the third quarter of the 20th century. A principal organization of which he was president was the Western Upper Montgomery Citizens Organization, which was formed to direct the attention of the county government to local problems. See a copy of the article in the Washington Post on Howard Lyles and the Jerusalem community, which was based on oral interviews with him.

A copy of the transcription of the taped interview with Howard Lyles is included with this survey form.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.  
Deeds: 344/294; 1664/285.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson, Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

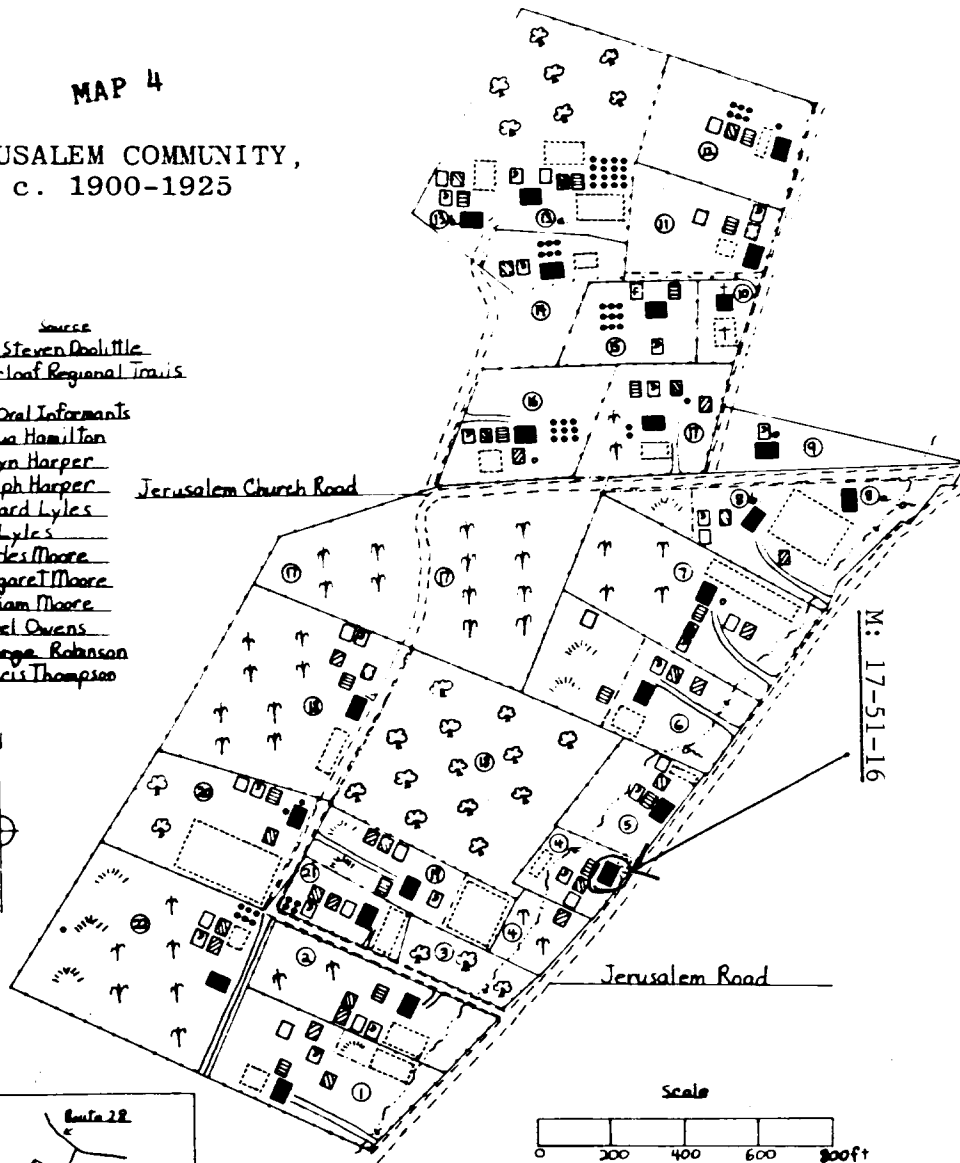
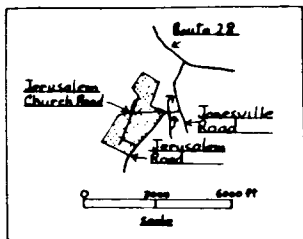
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MAP 4  
JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,  
c. 1900-1925

Source  
Steven Doolittle  
Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Oral Informants  
Joshua Hamilton  
Evelyn Harper  
Joseph Harper  
Howard Lyles  
Ora Lyles  
Charles Moore  
Margaret Moore  
William Moore  
Isabel Owens  
George Robinson  
Francis Thompson

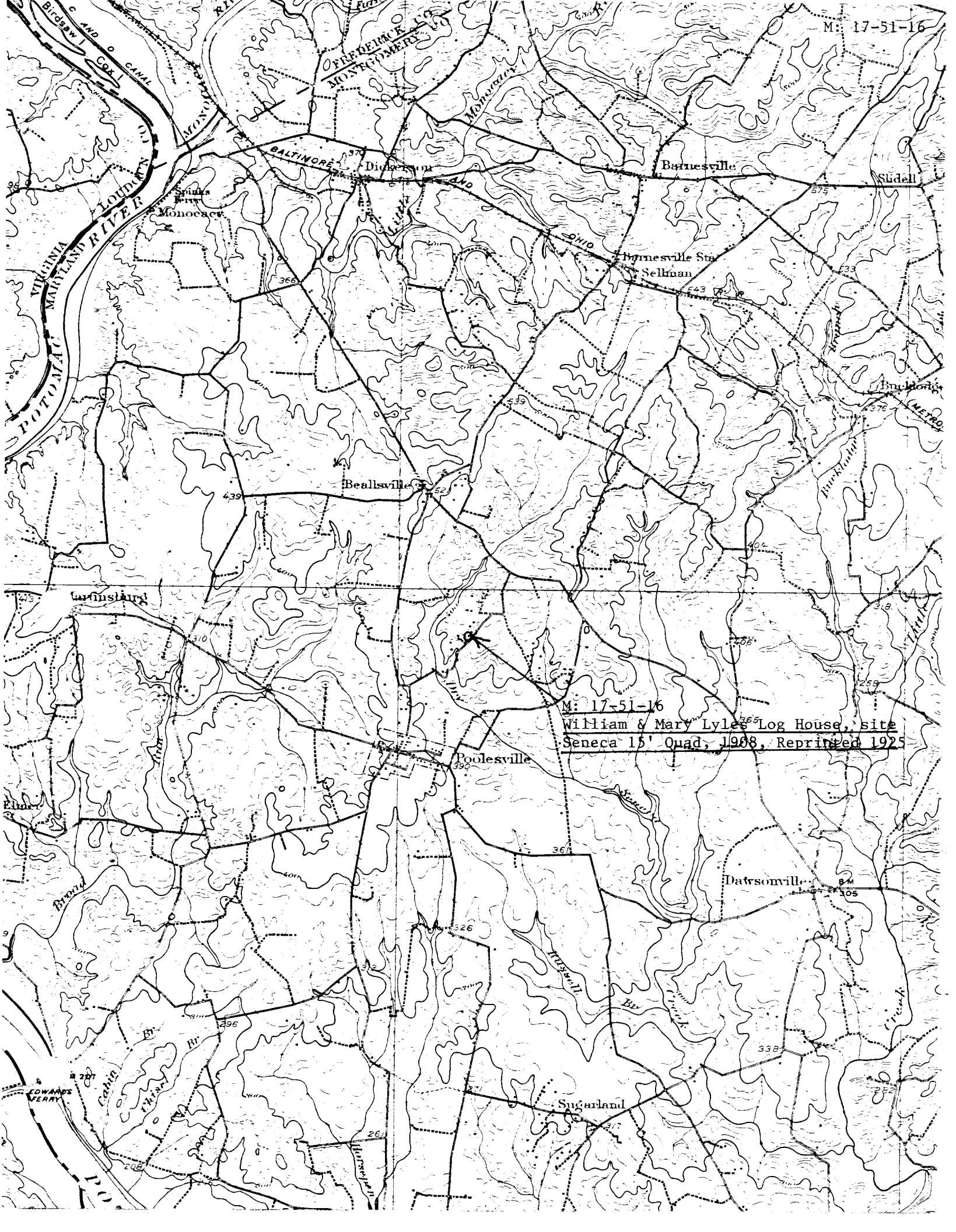


CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
JUDGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD	
LANE	
PATH	
STREAM FLOW	

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

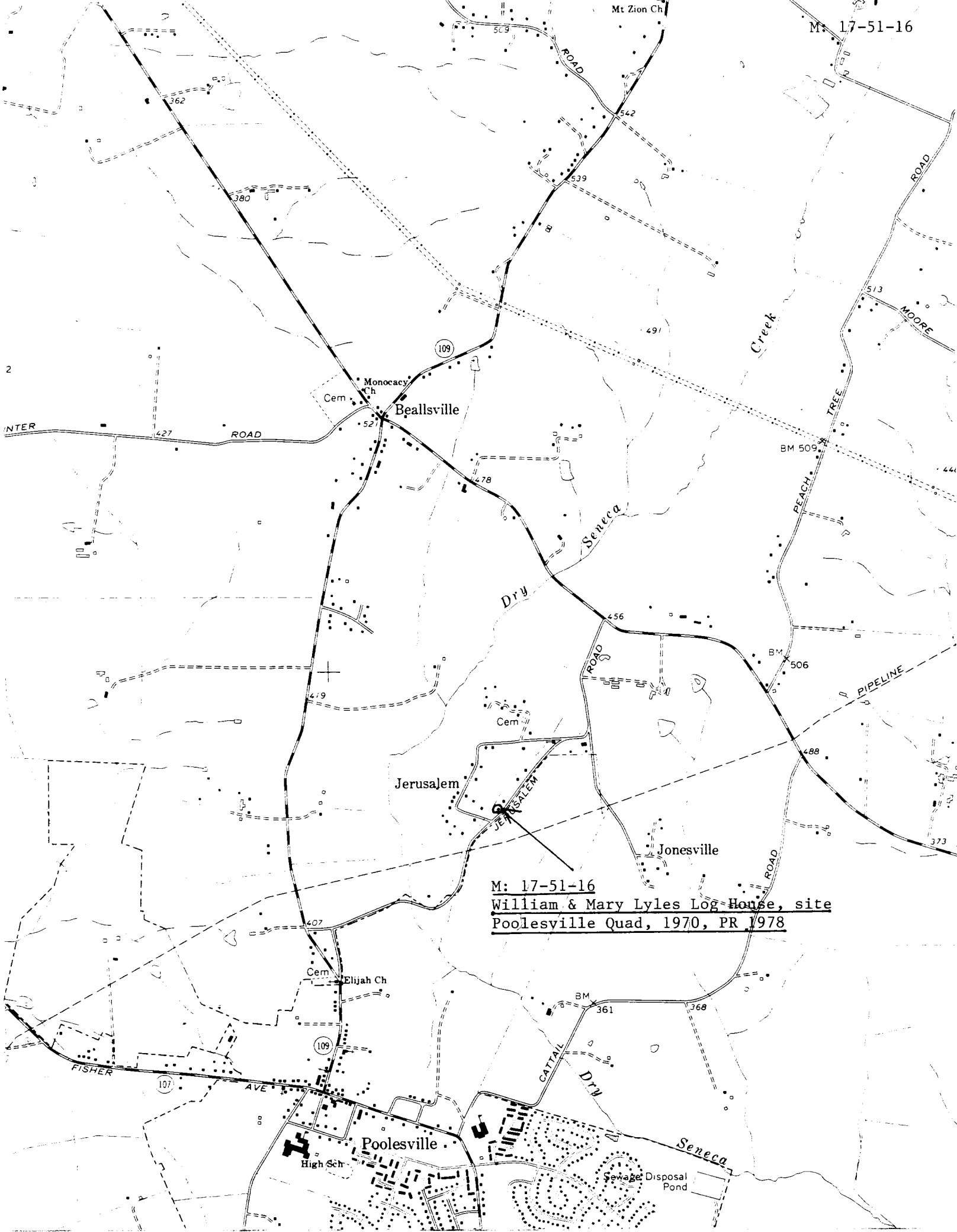
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1. WILLIAM ROBINSON ESTD.	3.22 AC.
2. SARAH JOHNSON ESTD.	2.00 AC.
3. MILTON HARPER ESTD.	1.00 AC.
4. WILLIAM LYLES ESTD.	2.00 AC.
5. SUSAN PROCTOR ESTD.	1.00 AC.
6. FRANK DORSEY ESTD.	2.90 AC.
7. GEORGE DORSEY ESTD.	4.75 AC.
8a. 1st CLARKE HOME (log)	4.40 AC.
b. 2nd CLARKE HOME (frame)	
9. JERUSALEM PARSONAGE	1.50 AC.
10. JERUSALEM CHURCH	0.50 AC.
11. WILLIAM DORSEY ESTD.	2.00 AC.
12. JAMES DORSEY ESTD.	3.00 AC.
13a. WILLIAM MOORE ESTD.	7.00 AC.
b. HARTLEY MOORE ESTD.	
14. DAVID COPELAND ESTD.	2.00 AC.
15. ROBERT WILLIAMS ESTD.	3.75 AC.
16. WALLACE HAMILTON ESTD.	2.50 AC.
17. DENNIS HAMILTON ESTD.	9.66 AC.
18. CHARLES McPHERSON ESTD.	11.00 AC.
19. LEZZIE GRIMES ESTD.	4.00 AC.
20. GEORGE LYLES ESTD.	3.00 AC.
21. JOHN HARPER ESTD.	1.00 AC.
22. JOHN HALLMAN ESTD.	10.00 AC.



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William & Mary Lyles<sup>655</sup> Log House, site  
Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1975



M: 17-51-16  
William & Mary Lyles Log House, site  
Poolsville Quad, 1970, PR 1978





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photo of William Lyda House  
in possession of Howard Hyles  
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Jerusalem

South Gate end

Anne Lewis

10/78

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Mary Lyles  
Mont. Co: 17-51-16  
Jerusalem  
fwm

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Mary Robinson Lyles

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